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In re Patent Application of:
Dieter Baumann *et al.*

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For: FILTER WITH A VALVE COMBINATION
COMPONENT

Examiner: T. K. Cecil

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

AND FILED WITH

A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.114

MS RCE
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including September 23, 2005.

In response to the final office action mailed May 23, 2005, and prior to further examination of the present application in compliance with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, entry of the below amendments, consideration of the remarks provided, and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The following sections of this Response begin on the following pages as indicated below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Comments begin on page 4 of this paper.